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MEMORIAL DAY EVENTS AT OLD YORK

York, Maine—Old York Historical Society celebrates Memorial Day 2022 with free admission, a special walking tour of town war memorials, and a remembrance of local soldiers killed in action.

Old York opens for the 2022 season on Monday, May 30, with a Community Free Day from 10 am to 2 pm. Admission to the historic buildings is free for the day. The Old Gaol will be open, along with Jefferds Tavern, York Corner School House, and the Remick Gallery. Visitors are invited to enjoy the popular exhibition, *The Best of York: Treasures from the Collection*, including the renowned Bulman Bed Hangings, and newly-acquired pieces from the Pepperrell-Sparhawk family.

And don't miss a special free walking tour at 1:00 pm, *Answering the Call: York's Wartime Service*. The tour focuses on York's memorials honoring town residents who served in our nation's conflicts, from the American Revolution to the Vietnam War. The tour lasts approximately an hour, and covers a three-block area along York Street. The tour is free, but space is limited. Tickets will be available at the Museum Center, however, you are encouraged to reserve space in advance at oldyork.org.

OUR FALLEN HEROES

Banners honoring 18 young men from York who were either killed in action or died in prisoner of war camps during the First and Second World Wars, and the Vietnam War, can be seen on the utility poles along York Street in the heart of the village. A banner depicting all of our fallen heroes is on display in the front window of the Old York Museum Center. The banners are the result of a three-year project organized by members of the York Committee for Veterans' Affairs, who compiled an extensive body of research. The project, which is ongoing, draws on the expertise of many local historians, including Michael Dow, Patric Garon, Don Hands, Kevin McKinney (York History Group), and Peggy Wishart (Old York Historical Society). The banners will be up through the beginning of December. More information about Our Fallen Heroes, and York's designation as a Purple Heart Town can be found at: <https://www.yorkmaine.org/442/Committee-for-Veterans-Affairs>.

ABOUT OLD YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY

OYHS is a vital part of the York, Maine, community. The organization maintains 16 buildings and 20 properties including the 17-acre Steedman Woods; employs 5 full-time and 25 part-time employees; houses more than 20,000 artifacts and 50,000 archival materials; and serves thousands of people year round through tours, educational programs, and special events. OYHS receives no Federal, State, or Municipal support, and relies on funding provided through private donations, a modest endowment, and a trust established by Elizabeth Perkins, as well as earned income from ticket sales, programs, memberships.

The historic buildings are open May 31 to September 17, Tuesday through Saturday, 10am-4pm, and September 22 to October 29, Thursday through Saturday, 10am-4pm, with two special Community Free Days on Memorial Day and the 4th of July. **Admission is \$10, with free admission for children 18 and younger, and members.** Tickets can be purchased at the Museum Center, or in advance at oldyork.org (starting May 27).

Old York is proud to be a **Blue Star Museum**, offering free admission to the nation's active-duty military personnel and their families, including National Guard and Reserve.

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